

manufacturer or distributor who originally supplied them. The quantity so returned amounted to 1,000 kegs in Ontario and less than 1,000 in the Prairies. The Corporation got right out of the nail business with the completion of the 1949 construction contracts.

At the end of 1948, when the Hardware Association took over the distribution, our stock of nails was roughly 5,000 kegs. During 1948 we sold a total of 27,927 kegs valued at \$218,201.09. This included supplies to our direct construction program. As I mentioned yesterday, sales for non-veteran housing amounted to some 800 kegs.

Incidentally, the 1948 nail production was about 1,600,000 kegs. Our nail supply was between 1 and 2 per cent of the total production."

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Mansur. Are there any other general questions before we start going over Mr. Mansur's statement a page at a time? If not, we will turn to page 4. Are there any questions on procedure, reserving the question of lending volume until we take it up as a separate subject. If there are no questions on procedure; standards and inspections, page 5:

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, there have been a great many complaints in my riding by purchasers of houses built under these plans to the effect that once having bought the houses they found that they were not built according to specifications.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Noseworthy, you are new on the committee. The committee decided in order that we might have an orderly presentation and a record which would be of the most possible use to the general public when it is complete, that we would simply ask questions to amplify Mr. Mansur's statement, going over the statement; then we would have a full scale debate on lending volume financing and availability of mortgage money, after which we would just go on with the problems that all of us have run across in our ridings of this kind and that; so, will you just reserve the question for the time being.

Mr. CRESTOHL: Mr. Chairman, I am troubled about another matter. Yesterday I found in my mail box some 32 pieces of literature in connection with housing which would require wading through in order to know something about this matter and to be able intelligently to appreciate Mr. Mansur's report and the facts it contains. I certainly have not had time to go through all that vast volume of literature yet sufficiently to be able to do justice to the problems that will arise before us. It is impossible even if we go over this report page by page, to deal with it adequately.

The CHAIRMAN: We asked the members while this presentation was being made by Mr. Mansur not to interrupt him but rather to make notes of any part of his presentation which they did not understand and in going over it now it is not with the intention that we are clearing it, it is just so that members may now have an opportunity of asking questions which they would like to have asked while he was making his presentation.

Mr. CRESTOHL: The reason I made that observation was to suggest that if that literature had been in our hands, and if Mr. Mansur's statement had been in our hands say a week before he made it here, we might have been able to digest it a little better and therefore able to deal with it more comprehensively.

The CHAIRMAN: I want to assure you at once Mr. Crestohl that this inquiry will not be hurried. You will have plenty of time.

Mr. CRESTOHL: Then, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that that be held over; and, also, at a later stage I would like to ask some questions about the availability of the mortgage money.